

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A microprocessor controlled system for ensuring the safe operation of an auxiliary device, such as a wheelchair lift used in conjunction with a vehicle. The microprocessor preferably allows operation of the lift device when one or more parameters are met. These parameters include the following: the vehicle is in park, the parking brake is engaged, the vehicle ignition is on, the lift power switch is on, ~~and~~ or the lift door is open. The present invention further does not allow the vehicle to be shifted out of park if the lift door is open and/or when the parking brake is on.